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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 6381

FOR STATE/ AID

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RICE CRISIS- DAILY UPDATE

REF: PHNOM PENH 6318

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM
PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 24 THROUGH JULY 4.

	6/24	6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29
BEGINNING STOCKS		7,657	7,657	6,769	8,619	8,069 7,519
ROUTE 4	--	--	2,400	--	- --	1,100
MEKONG	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL AVAILABLE		7,657	7,657	9,169	8,169	8,069 8,619
LESS DISTRIBUTION		NONE	888	550	550	550 550

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END STOCKS 7,657 6,769 8,619 8,069 7,519 8,069

	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	
BEGINNING STOCKS			8,069	10,519	9,969	10,519 9,969
ROUTE 4	--	--	1,100	--	--	
MEKONG	3,000	--	--	--	--	
TOTAL AVAILABLE		11,069	10,519	11,069	10,519	9,969
LESS DSTRIBUTION		550	550	550	550	550
END STOCKS		10519	9,969	10,519	9,969	9,419 EQUALS
			17.1 DAYS			
IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4 IS CLOSED					4,819	EQUALS
			8.7 DAYS			
IN THE EVENT MEKONG IS CLOSED					1,816	EQUALS
			3.3 DAYS			
WITH DISTRIBUTION AT 700					169	EQUALS
			0 DAYS			

2. MEKONG CONVOY- THE TWO BARGES REFERRED TO REFTEL CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE. THE PAC LOG SURFER WITH 800 TONS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN VUNG TAU ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30 AND WE EXPECT IT WILL PROCEED UP THE MEKONG WITH THE FIRST SHIPS CARRYING RICE FROM VIETNAM (SEE BELOW) IN ADDITION THERE IS ONE BARGE OF APPROXIMATELY 1500 MT NOW BEING LOADED IN KOMPONG SOM AND USAID SAIGON IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE A TUG FOR THAT BARGE.

3. ROUTE 4- THE ROUTE 4 CONVOY IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH LATE THIS AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING (JUNE 26).

4. ROUTE 5- FANK REPORTS THAT A CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY 150 TRUCKS LEFT BATTAMBANG ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 26 AND WILL SPEND THE NIGHT IN PURSAT. NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON THE PROGRESS IN REASSEMBLING THE BAILEY BRIDGE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM KOMPONG CHHNANG INDICATES THAT A SECTION OF ROAD SOUTH OF KOMPONG CHHNANG MAY BE INSECURE. SINCE IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN WHEN THE BATTAMBANG CONVOY MAY ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH, WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED AN ESTIMATE IN OUR PROJECTION.

5. RICE FROM VIETNAM- A LATE AFTERNOON REPORT ON JUNE 26 FROM SAIGON INDICATES THAT THREE SHIPS HAVE BEEN LOCATED TO TRANSPORT RICE FROM SAIGON TO PHNOM PENH. THE SHIPS WILL BEGIN LOADING ON JULY 1 AND SHOULD BE READY TO DEPART SAIGON JULY 4 WITH APPROXIMATELY 4100 MT. IN ADDITION TWO COVERED BARGES OF 4000-5000 MT TOTAL CAPACITY HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND SHOULD BE READY FOR LOADING ON JULY 2. SAIGON ALSO REPORTS THAT THE GVN IS PREPARED TO RELEASE THE RICE BEFORE A FORMAL REQUEST IS RECEIVED FROM THE GKR.

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6. RICE DISTRIBUTION- WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF 888 MT ON JUNE 25 TH. WE WILL REPORT TOMORROW ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION.
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